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This application claims benefit of priority to U.S. Application Serial No. 08/820,970, filed March 19, 1997, now U.S. Patent No. 6,008,022, under 35 U.S.C. § 120, which claims priority to U.S. Provisional Application Serial No. 60/013,613, filed March 20, 1996 under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e), and each of which is hereby incorporated by reference in its entirety.*44*

*In the claims:*

**Please amend the claims as follows:**

Please cancel claims 1-16 and 20-22 without prejudice.

**Please add the following new claims:**

*-25.* (New) An isolated protein comprising an amino acid sequence selected from the group consisting of:

- (a) amino acid residues -20 to 203 of SEQ ID NO:2;
  - (b) amino acid residues -19 to 203 of SEQ ID NO:2; and
  - (c) amino acid residues 1 to 203 of SEQ ID NO:2.
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*26.* (New) The isolated protein of claim *25* which comprises amino acid sequence  
(a).

*27.* (New) The isolated protein of claim *25* which comprises amino acid sequence  
(b).

*28.* (New) The isolated protein of claim *28* which comprises amino acid sequence  
(c).